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Dear Sir or Madam

Changes in EU Legislation that may impact on Footway Lighting

I refer to the street lighting maintenance agreement that your Council currently has with North Yorkshire County Council and in particular, anticipated problems with the long term maintenance of your Mercury (MBF/U) lanterns

In 2015, EU legislation will ban the future use of high Pressure Mercury Vapour (MBF/U) lamps. In anticipation of this change many manufacturers have already ceased production and as a result 80w MBF/U lamps and control gear are becoming increasingly difficult to source.

North Yorkshire County Council has purchased approximately 1500 80w MBF/U lanterns which should enable us to continue to maintain your lighting until 2018 however, this assumes that each Parish/Town Council currently on the County Council's maintenance contract commences lantern conversions from 2014/15 onwards; approximately 25% replacement per year.

The County Council's street lighting maintenance contractor has several hundred 50w and 70w second hand high pressure sodium lanterns that they are prepared to offer to Parish and Town Councils for £133+vat per lantern (at 2014/15 prices). This price includes the provision of the lantern, a new lamp, new photo electric cell, and installation on an existing footway lighting column. For comparison a new high pressure sodium lantern or a LED lantern would cost approximately £300-350 to supply and install.

Unfortunately if you choose not to replace these lanterns there will come a point at which North Yorkshire County Council can no longer maintain all of your network.

Should you wish to discuss this issue please contact me direct on 01609 532946.

Yours faithfully

Paul Gilmore
Electrical Engineering Manager

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